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# PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

## First performance report

## Ninth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/C.5/49/43).

2. As indicated in the table in paragraph 5 of the report, the revised net requirements amount to $2,130,846,700, which is $28,048,200 more than the initial requirements approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 48/231 A and B of 23 December 1993. This increase results from a decrease of $49.0 million in income estimates, which was partially offset by a decrease of $21.0 million in expenditure estimates.

3. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 8 of the report that exchange-rate fluctuations account for a net increase of $56.8 million. This increase is a result of a weakening of the United States dollar against the Swiss franc and the Austrian schilling. Schedules 1 and 3 of the report provides detailed information on rates of exchange for all duty stations.

4. A net decrease of $8.3 million is shown under inflation, reflecting a lower rate than anticipated, primarily in the two major duty stations, New York and Geneva.

5. As indicated in paragraph 11 of the report, a net decrease of $24.0 million is expected as a result of adjustments to standard salary costs ($17.1 million) and standard common staff costs ($6.9 million). These reductions reflect the replacement of the standard costs projected in the initial appropriation by averages derived from the actual experience in 1994. The Advisory Committee was

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informed that the standard salary costs used in the initial appropriation for 1994-1995 proved to be too high and had to be adjusted to reflect the actual expenditure pattern of 1994. The proposed common staff cost percentage rates are shown in schedule 5 of the report.

6. In paragraphs 14 to 16 of his report, the Secretary-General discusses the issues relating to staff assessment, in respect of which a reduction of $50.9 million is proposed under section 28, with a related decrease under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of $51.9 million.

7. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's revised requirements, namely $2,559,163,300 under expenditure sections and $428,316,600 under income sections, resulting in net revised requirements of $2,130,846,700, which is $28,048,200 more than the initial requirements.

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